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1. Large Soviet naval units, consisting principally of small naval vessels, were observed at Swinoujscie (Swinemuende). These vessels included two groups, each composed of three ships, which were large submarine chasers (scigacze okretow podwodnych). Soviet submarines were also observed out at sea. On 11 September 1952, three Soviet submarines were seen approaching Swinoujscie from the direction of Ruegen Island; they passed by [redacted] the coast and departed in a northeasterly direction. One of the submarines had on its conning tower the [redacted]
2. [redacted] there was an average of 46 to 50 Soviet naval vessels at Swinoujscie; most of them were smaller units. The largest of these were the large submarine chasers, all of which belonged to one group; among them were those [redacted] The most numerous type of vessels were the various kinds of trawlers, some of which were equipped with radar. They were always very active, constantly coming and going in groups or singly. Two of these trawlers, [redacted] were armed with two machine guns joined together and mounted on a platform [redacted] A tanker, [redacted] came to Swinoujscie on 20 September loaded with liquid fuel; it anchored about 300 meters south of the Soviet basin, along the east side of the canal. The tanker left Swinoujscie on 21 September and took an easterly course.

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3. [redacted] Soviet naval units have been more numerous and more active in the Baltic than before. These units consist principally of various kinds of trawlers and small and large submarine chasers. Soviet submarines were also observed in the waters around Ruegen Island. When Soviet submarines encounter Polish ships or groups of Polish fishing cutters engaged in fishing, the submarines circle around the Polish vessels and disappear. The submarines always remain at some distance from the Polish vessels, so that the Polish crews cannot make out the submarines [redacted]

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4. Fishing cutters belonging to the Polish state firm Dalmor in Swinoujscie were to be ordered to fish in the area around Bornholm Island. Instead of being manned by fishermen, however, the cutters were to have crews composed of officers and men from the Polish Navy.
5. Fishing cutters based at Ustka were ordered not to fish further west than Kolobrzeg (Kolberg), but rather to fish in an easterly direction toward Gdynia and Gdansk (Danzig).
6. In mid-September 1952, the harbor of Ustka was still maintained in a condition of readiness, although not a single naval vessel had appeared in the harbor at that time. Coastal artillery units in the Ustka area were also kept alerted and they were given orders to fire if a foreign vessel was seen approaching the waters around Ustka. There was evidence of widespread anxiety due to the NATO maneuvers being held in the Atlantic.
7. Because of maneuvers being carried out by the Western powers in the western part of the Baltic, the entire bay of Szczecin (Stettin) was alerted on 10 September 1952. Ustka was particularly affected by this order.

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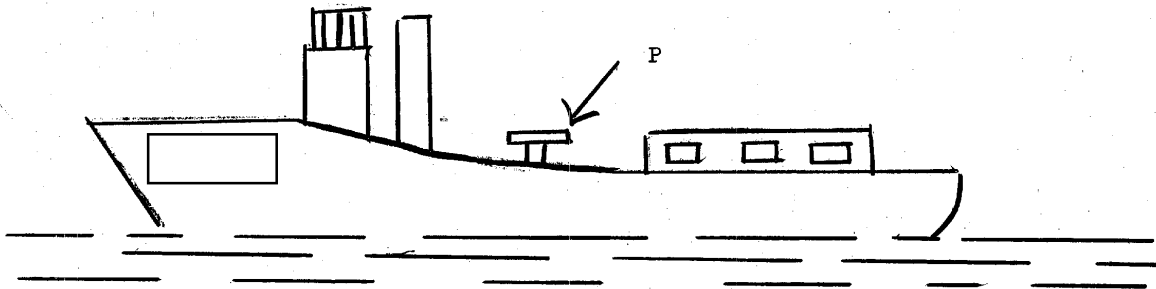
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Sketch of Soviet Naval Trawler

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